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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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- This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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 - ☐ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☐ the claims:

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☐ the drawings:

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3, 5-8	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 4, 9-10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: US, 6423248, B1 (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 23 July, 2002, & JP, 2001-288465.

Document 1 is the document described in the ISR.

(Claims 1, 2, 4, 9-10)

Document 1 describes a method for the manufacture of a luminescent material by using an aqueous solvent comprising an organic precursor (equivalent to "aluminum alcoholate") that will become an aluminum source such as aluminum isopropoxide, a manganese source such as manganese nitrate, and an alkaline earth metal source, adding an acid such as hydrochloric acid, producing an acidic state, forming a gel, thermally decomposing the gel at a temperature of about 1000°C in the atmosphere (equivalent to "pre-firing"), and then conducting thermal decomposition at a temperature of about 1200°C in a reducing atmosphere (equivalent to "main firing"); document 1 also suggests that this luminescent material be used in PDP or the like.

Therefore, the inventions of claims 1, 2, 4, and 9-10 do not appear to possess novelty based on document 1.

(Claims 3, 5-8)

Employing the manufacturing method described in claim 1 for the production of well-known luminescent materials such as BaMgAl₁₀O₁₇:Eu and using an appropriate additive such as a flux agent could have easily been conceived by a person skilled in the art.

Therefore, the inventions of claims 3, 5-8 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 1.